formation; and children on vegetarian diet have growth patterns comparable to those on non-vegetarian diet. These recommendations are of general nature and the organisers of the conference intend to disseminate them widely.

National Policy on Medical Education

233. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of the Government for having a national policy on Medical education; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHASHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process of formulating a national policy on the subject of medical education has been initiated and it will be Government's endeavour to complete the exercise as early as possible.

Budget allocations for Health and Family Welfare Services

234. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the percentage of Central and State Budget allocations for Health and Family Welfare services during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether the percentage budget allocations for health and Family Welfare service in India has been the lowest or one of the lowest even amongst the developing countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka; and

(c) how far this factor is considered responsible for continuing high rate of growth of population?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARAN AND): (a) The percentage of Central State Budget allocations for Health and Family Welfare Services are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1991-92			1992-93		
	Centre	States & UTs	Total	Centre	States & UTs.	Total
1. Health Programmes	301.90	883.60	1185.50	447.00 (RE)	1005.31	1452.31
	(0.70%)	(3.0%)	(1.65%)	(0.92%)	(3.01%)	(1.80%)
2. Family Welfare Programmes	749.00	—	749.00	1041.00 (RE)	—	1041.00
	(1.74%)		(1.04%)	(2.15%)		(1.29%)
Total Health & F.W.	1050.90	883.60	1934.50	1400.00 (RE)	1005.31	2493.31
	(2.44%)	(3.0%)	(2.68%)	(3.07%)	(3.01%)	(3.09%)
3. Overall Plan	42953.75	29348.00	72316.75	48407.08	32364.88	88077.96

(b) According to the Human Development Report 1992, the Public Expenditure on Health as a percentage of the GNP is as follows for the following countries:—

India	0.9
Srilanka	1.7
Nepal	0.8
Pakistan	0.2
Bangladesh	0.6

(c) The allocation of financial resources for Health is only one, among several factors which effect the growth rates of population.

Efforts for Prevention of Cancer

235. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have initiated a number of steps for the prevention and treatment of cancer; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKAR AN AND): (a) and (b) During the 8th Five Year Plan, more emphasis is being given on prevention and early detection of cancer under National Cancer Control Programme. Simultaneously, there is an endeavour to fill up geographical gaps in the availability of cancer treatment facilities in the country. The following new schemes have been initiated starting from the year 1990-91:

(1) A scheme for district projects for preventive health education, early detection and palliative trea tment at district level has been in itiated. Under the scheme, finan cial assistance of Rs. 15.00 lakhs is provided initially to the concerned State Government for each selec ted district with provision for a recurring expenditure of Rs. 10.00 lakh$_s$ per annum per district dur ing the project period.

(2) A scheme fo$_r$ development of Oncology Wing in Medical Colleges|Hospitals in those areas where facilities for treatment of cancer are not available, hag bsen initiated to fill up the geographi cal gaps. Under the scheme, an amount upto Rs. "one crore is pro vided by the Central Government for procurement of equipments. Civil works and staff are t$_0$ be provided by the concerned 'State Government/Institution.

(3) A schem$_e$ for financial assistance to voluntary organisations has als$_0$ been taken up under which financial assistance i$_s$ provided to non.govt. voluntary organi-sations for undertaking health education and early detection of cancer activities.

Along' with introduction of the above new schemes, this Ministry has also strengthened the scheme for financial assistance to institutions for setting up of Cobalt Therapy Units. The scheme has been suitably revi sed to increase the quantum of assistance from Rs. 12 00 lakhs to Rs. 50.00 lakhs per unit. Other Radio therapy equipments like Branchyth-erapy and Linear Accelerator have als$_0$ been brought under th$_e$ purview of the scheme. Similarly, under the ongoing scheme for financial assist ance to various Regional Cancer Cen tres the quantum $_0$f financial assis tance has been increased substanti ally.

नकली दवाओं की बिक्री

236. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को नकली दवाओं की बिक्री की जानकारी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) ब्यौरा विवरण के रूप में संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिए)

(ग) समय-समय पर राज्यों/संघ राज्यक्षेत्रों से कदाचारों पर नियंत्रण रखने का आग्रह किया जाता है।